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SUBJ: ALLIED CHEMICAL KEPONE SHIPMENT TO THE FRG

REF: (A) STATE 216714; (B) FRANKFURT 6696

1. WHILE THE DEBATE ABOUT EH KEPONE STORAGE IS BY NO MEANS OVER SOME OF THE EMOTIONALISM HAS GONE OUT OF IT AND THE CDU HAS EASED UP ON ITS ATTEMPTS TO MAKE THE SUBJECT A POLITICAL ISSUE IN THE CURRENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

2. AS REPORTED IN REF B ALLIED CHEMICAL HAS AGREED TO DELAY THE SECOND HALF OF THE SHIPMENT (150 TONS OF THE TOAL 250 TONS) FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS OSTENSIBLY TO GIVE THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES TIME TO REASSURE THEMSELVES ABOUT THE ADEQUACY OF THE SITE AND THE PRECAUTIONS TAKEN. THE DELAY WILL SAFELY GET US PAST THE OCTOBER 8 ELECTION AND THE REFORGER EXERCISE. IN ADDITION AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MINISTER GOERLACH LATE LAST WEEK INVITED THE PRESS TO THE STORAGE SITE WHICH RESULTED IN SOME ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY BUT ALSO IN MORE BALANCED REPORTING OF THE
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SITUATION INCLUDING THE FACT THAT OF THE 900 ODD TYPES OF CHEMICALS (ABOUT 160,000 TONS) NOW STORED AT THE SITE 30 PERCENT ORIGINATED FROM HESSE, 40 PERCENT COME FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE FRG AND 40 PERCENT FROM OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING FRANCE, DENMARK, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, UK, NETHERLANDS, AND LUXEMBOURG. LEHMANN

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